

Lester, Steve

From: Lester, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 9:24 AM
To: 'Brandi Horton'
Subject: RE: Assessments Question

REVISIT ASSESSMENT
METHODS IN 2015-
FOR 2016 MEETING

Brandi:

This note confirms we discussed this today and agreed to use same assessment etc. method this year that you have been using before. Also agreed we should use this year to see what changes are needed in this regard, probably resulting in some type of notification to people, maybe during/after next annual meeting when members have a chance to discuss and vote on it. For example: minimum assessment per owner since everyone actually has a stake in what's going on & needs to contribute to improving management of water in the district, I. C. §42-612.

Will talk to you again soon.

Best regards,

Steve

From: Brandi Horton [<mailto:watermaster67@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Lester, Steve
Subject: Assessments Question

Hi Steve!

I've been working on the water assessments for the water district, which has brought up a question that I can't answer. Since the SRBA is finally done with, I decided that now was the ideal time to rebuild the books with the most accurate information available.

Bosco created the original Excel spreadsheets that we've been doing our assessments from, and those spreadsheets didn't include many water rights which were either contested, changed, split, assigned new numbers...etc. So I'm creating new spreadsheets using info from the IDWR search engine. I've completed Adams County, and that's when the question came to me.....

In the past, only those who's water is routinely regulated by the watermaster and deputies have paid an assessment. Many of the water rights listed in the new books were previously unknown to myself and my deputies, and as a result weren't regularly measured, nor assessed. But with the proposed changes/improvements to the water district, many more are going to be regulated, eventually. So do I include all the rights now? Since we're transitioning to a greater knowledge of and delivery of all rights in the district, shouldn't they be paying an assessment for that?

I haven't included in the books any of the "unnamed streams" as these don't have enough water by March/April to run to the creeks they are listed as tributary to. I also haven't included any domestic water rights, as these are considered non-consumptive use. And all the water rights not included in the book are 0.02cfs or less.

I'm about 90% of the mind that these previously un-assessed water rights should be included, but wanted to know where the state stands before running out and getting myself in trouble. I really appreciate your taking the time to read through and consider this...just drop me a quick line to say either "charge 'em" or "forget about 'em."

Thanks Again!

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